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**AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCOMPANYING
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) AND
SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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25 Sir:

In accordance with the accompanying petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3), please amend the instant application as follows.

30 Amendment to the specification

Please replace paragraph 1, page 1, line 4 of the instant application as follows:

35 This application is a ~~second~~ continuation-in-part of pending application serial number 09/692,674 filed October 18, 2000 which is a

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1 continuation-in-part of serial number 09/487,981, filed January 20, 2000,
now abandoned which was based on U.S. Ser. No. 08/920,417 now U.S.
6,109,850 granted Aug. 29, 2000. ~~The first pending continuation-in-part~~
application is serial number 09/692,674 filed October 18, 2000.

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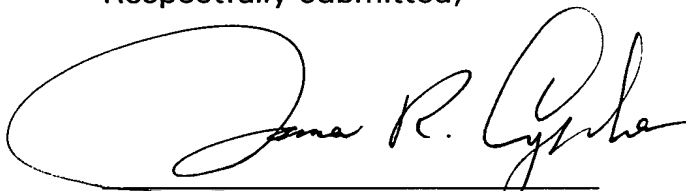
Conclusion

The undersigned wishes to state that if the Examiner has any questions
about this response, the undersigned would be happy to try to answer them
10 by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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